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Title: METHOD FOR GRADUATED LOAD SENSITIVE TASK
             DISPATCHING IN COMPUTING SYSTEMS

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on May 29, 2002, the period for reply extending to August 29, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 18-21 as follows.

18.   (New) A method according to claim 1, further comprising stopping at least one task for processing one or more messages stored in the queue if the depth of the queue is equal to or less than the value of the low threshold.

19.   (New) A method according to claim 5, further comprising stopping at least one task for processing one or more messages stored in the queue if the depth of the queue is equal to or less than the value of the low threshold.

20.   (New) A computer system according to claim 10, further comprising means for stopping at least one task for processing one or more messages stored in the queue if the depth of the queue is equal to or less than the value of the low threshold.

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